

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2029 - SB 2218

February 4, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the development of a uniform, statewide articulation agreement between public four-year universities, public two-year colleges and state technology institutes by January 1, 2001. If the articulation agreement is not in effect by January 1, 2001, for every class not transferring from a two-year institution to a four-year institution, the penalty would be as follows:

1. The four-year institution would lose 75% of the amount of state funding attributed to each class; and
2. The two-year college would lose 25% of state funding attributed to that class.

The bill would make it a duty of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to assist with the development, monitoring, and enforcement of articulation agreements among public institutions of higher education.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- The cost of developing the articulation agreement required by the bill is estimated to be not significant.
- For the purposes of this bill, articulation has been interpreted to mean the transfer of a course for credit. Such credit can be *either* credit toward a student's major course of study *or* credit as an elective.
- Currently, most courses taken at two-year institutions will *transfer* to another two-year institution or to a four-year university, either for credit toward a student's major program (if they are determined to be like-courses between institutions), or for credit as an elective course. *Course transfer* is defined to mean that a student at one higher education institution will be able to receive credit for that course at another higher education institution (receiving institution.) Since the bill does not require the acceptance of transferred courses towards a student's major, any effect on state expenditures or revenues is estimated to be not significant.

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- Any reduction in state appropriations to the institutions for failure to complete the agreement would be not significant. It is assumed that all two-year institutions, four-year universities and state technology institutes would comply with the provisions of this bill.
- Technology center courses are not included in the scope of this bill.
- Courses offered at community colleges and technical institutes that are not university parallel courses should not be expected to transfer.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director